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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION MOSCOW, INCSTATE, OCT 24, FROM ISLAMABAD
RPTD TO YOU:

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MOSCOW FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY -ATHERTON FROM BYROADE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. I PRESENTED DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT FOR
VISIT OF THE SECRETARY HERE (STATE 230797) TO AGHA SHAHI
ON MONDAY WHO CARRIED IT TO KARACHI WITH HIM MONDAY NIGHT.
HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET GOP COMMENTS OR COUNTER-
PROPOSALS TO ME PRIOR TO BHUTTO'S DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW,
BUT IF THAT WERE NOT POSSIBLE IT WOULD BE HANDLED BY
CABLE TO HIS FOREIGN OFFICE.

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2. LATER MONDAY EVENING SHAHI CALLED ASKING IF I WOULD

MIND TRAVELLING TO KARACHI TO DISCUSS IT WITH AZIZ AHMED.
I SAID I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO. I SAW AZIZ AHMED
LAST EVENING IN KARACHI, FINDING HIM QUITE FATIGUED
DUE TO HIS LONG TRIP HOME AFTER HIS BOUT OF MALARIA.
HE VOLUNTEERED TO FILL ME IN ON HIS TALK WITH PRESIDENT
FORD, FOR WHICH I WAS GRATEFUL.

3. I WAS ABLE TO GET AZIZ AHMED TO AGREE THAT THE
SUBJECT OF MILITARY SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN WOULD NOT BE
COVERED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT. I ATTRIBUTED HIS ACCEPTANCE
OF OUR POSITION NOT SO MUCH TO THE PERSUASIVENESS OF MY
PRESENTATION AS TO HIS DESIRE NOT TO PUT THE SECRETARY
ON THE SPOT PUBLICLY ON THIS ISSUE WHILE HE IS IN PAKISTAN.

4. AZIZ SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN VERY FORTH-
COMING IN STRESSING THAT WHEN THE SECRETARY CAME HERE HE
WOULD MAKE A VERY STRONG STATEMENT EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE
WE ATTACH TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF
PAKISTAN. AZIZ SAID THE WORDING I HAD PROPOSED WAS GOOD,
BUT HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE MADE SOMEWHAT STRONGER. HE ALSO
SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT IT BE AT LEAST AS
STRONG AS THE WORDING IN THE NIXON-BHUTTO COMMUNIQUE OF
LAST SEPTEMBER. HIS PROPOSAL, THEREFORE, WAS THAT OUR
WORDING BE ACCEPTED AS IS (LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 2)
WITH THE FOLLOWING PHRASE ADDED THERETO: " AND THAT THIS WOULD
REMAIN A GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY." I TOLD HIM I FELT CERTAIN THIS WOULD BE READILY
ACCEPTABLE.

5. THE ONLY OTHER CHANGE PROPOSED BY AZIZ WAS TO DELETE
THE WORD "FURTHER" IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 4
SO THAT THE SENTENCE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "THEY TOOK
NOTE OF THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS FOR STABILITY OF NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION AND AGREED THAT RENEWED EFFORTS SHOULD BE
MADE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." HE SEEMED
TO THINK THAT THE WORD "FURTHER" COULD BE MISREAD (I.E. AFTER
INDIA), AND I SAID I THOUGHT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO
ITS DELETION.

6. I RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD ASSUMING THAT THE JOINT
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STATEMENT, WITH THESE CHANGES, COULD BE CONSIDERED BUTTONED
UP, AT LEAST UNTIL THE PAKS HAD A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT THE
STATEMENTS TO BE ISSUED IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH CONTAIN
AND THE DISCUSSIONS ACTUALLY GOT UNDERWAY HERE. I WAS
DISAPPOINTED, THEREFORE, WHEN I WAS TOLD ON THE PHONE HERE
THIS MORNING THAT SHAHI HAD CALLED HIS FOREIGN OFFICE
VERY EARLY THIS MORNING PRIOR TO HIS TAKE-OFF FOR
MOSCOW WITH A SUGGESTED CHANGE. IT WAS IN THE FORM

OF A PROPOSED INSERTION ON A NEW SUBJECT. THE LANGUAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: "THE PRIME MINISTER INFORMED THE SECRETARY OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG ALL STATES."

7. I TOLD ADDITIONAL SECRETARY SHAHNAWAZ, WHO RELAYED THE SUGGESTION, THAT THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WORRIED ME. HE SEEMED SURPRISED AND SAID THAT HE HIMSELF SAW NOTHING IN IT THAT WAS OUT OF LINE WITH U.S. POLICY. I SAID THAT WAS CORRECT, AND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE WORDING ITSELF THAT CONCERNED ME. MY CONCERN WAS WHETHER THE SECRETARY WOULD NOT THINK IT BEST, IN TRAVELLING THROUGH AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE REGIONAL PROBLEMS, TO CONFINE JOINT STATEMENTS STRICTLY TO BILATERAL MATTERS. I ASKED SHAHNAWAZ IF SHAHI SEEMED TO FEEL STRONGLY ON THE MATTER. HE REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT HE DID, AND ASSUMED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH BHUTTO BEFORE PHONING HIM.

8. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEPT THE PROPOSED INSERTION. I RECOGNIZE THAT YOU MAY HAVE SOME QUALMS ABOUT ITS IMPACT IN KABUL, BUT I THINK MUCH MORE COMPELLING IS THE FACT THAT IT DOES ACCURATELY REFLECT OUR ACTUAL POLICY REGARDING PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS AND THAT BHUTTO HIMSELF CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT, AS I ASSUME HE DOES. THE ARGUMENT THAT I USED WITH SHAHNAWAZ IS, OF COURSE, PARTLY SPURIOUS, IN THAT THE DOCUMENT ALREADY EXPRESSES COMMENT ON PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND BANGLADESH. IT MAY SEEM STRANGE TO THE PAKS, THEREFORE, IF WE STRIVE TO OMIT ANY MENTION OF AFGHANISTAN, WHICH OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR THEM THAN THE OTHER TWO. THE REAL HOOKER, HOWEVER, IS THAT SERIOUS EFFORT ON OUR PART TO LEAVE OUT THIS INSERTION WOULD TEND TO BELIE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE JOINT STATEMENT TO THE PAKS, WHICH IS A STRONG STATEMENT AS REGARDS THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. IF WE WANT THEM TO ACCEPT THE PREMISE THAT WE REALLY MEAN THE STATEMENT AS NOW CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ON THIS SUBJECT, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT TO FOLLOW THROUGH BY ACCEPTING THIS NEW INSERTION, WHICH AFTER ALL IS MERELY APPLICATION OF OUR BASIC FOREIGN POLICY PRINCIPLES REGARDING PAKISTAN TO A SPECIFIC CASE THAT IS A WORRY TO THIS COUNTRY.

9. IF INCLUDED IT SHOULD MOST APPROPRIATELY BE ADDED AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH 3 WHICH DEALS WITH PAKISTAN'S

RELATIONS WITH OTHER SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES, I.E.
INDIA AND BANGLADESH. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE.
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